

May 20, 2010

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 109 – *Criminal Procedure – Expiration Date of Sentences – Repeal*.

This bill repeals the requirement that a court sentence a defendant for a period of imprisonment that will expire between the first day of April and the last day of August if the court considers it expedient. It repeals a provision authorizing a court to sentence a defendant to a specified period of imprisonment that is less than the minimum punishment required under specified circumstances.

House Bill 1023, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 109.

Sincerely,

Governor